

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A guide for ~~a surgical instrument such as an acetabular prosthetic cup instrument~~, said guide comprising

a shaft-,

instrument fixing means for fixing said guide to a surgical instrument_x and

a frame situated between said shaft and said instrument fixing means-,

wherein ~~said the guide for an acetabular prosthetic cup instrument~~ further comprises:

pointing means situated at the shaft distal end_x and

orientation means, distinct from the shaft, which are adapted to define a reference plane.

2. (previously presented) A guide according to claim 1 wherein said pointing means comprise a pair of parallel shafts which are oriented at an angle with respect to the shaft direction.

3. (previously presented) A guide according to claim 1 wherein said pointing means comprise a laser beam.

4. (previously presented) A guide according to claim 1 wherein said orientation means are adjustable.

5. (previously presented) A guide according to claim 4 wherein said orientation means comprise two bubble levels.

6. (previously presented) A guide according to claim 5 wherein, the first bubble level is adapted for orientating an instrument fixed to said guide with respect to a right hip and wherein the second bubble level is adapted for orientating said instrument with respect to a left hip.

7. (previously presented) A guide according to claim 1 wherein said instrument fixing means are adapted to allow a quick fixation or release of the guide to/from the instrument.

8. (previously presented) A combination of a guide according to claim 1 together with an acetabular prosthetic cup instrument comprising a shaft and with a handle at its proximal end and with a distal end adapted for receiving either a reamer or a cup positioner.

9. (previously presented) A combination of a guide according to claim 1 together with a pelvic positioner, said pelvic positioner comprising two arms with respective feelers and orientation means.

10. (previously presented) A combination of a guide according to claim 1 together with a pelvic orientation witness, said pelvic orientation witness comprising pelvic fixing means for fixing said pelvic orientation witness to the pelvis and orientation means.

11. (previously presented) A combination of a guide according to claim 1 together with an angle measuring device for measuring the angle between ASIS (Anterior Superior Iliac Spine) and HJC (Hip Joint Center).

12. (previously presented) A calibrating apparatus for calibrating a guide and an instrument as defined in claim 1, said calibrating apparatus comprising angle reproducing means for reproducing the angle between ASIS and HJC.

13. (new) A guide according to claim 1 wherein the orientation means are of the dual-axis type.